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SUBJ: KUWAITI REACTION TO EGYPTIAN CRITICISM OF GODE

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1. KUWAIT FINANCE MINISTER ATEEQI, UPON HIS RETURN FROM CAIRO AUGUST 22, IS REPORTED BY LOCAL PRESS AS QUOTE SUPRISED UNQUOTE BY MUSA SABRI CRITICISM IN AKHBAR AL-YOM OF KUWAIT ATTITUDE TOWARD GULF ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EGYPT (GODE). (SABRI'S CRITICISM NOT REPRODUCED HERE EXCEPT FOR HIS ALLEGED STATEMENT THAT KUWAIT STAND RE GODE WAS "UNCLEAR AND CONFUSING".) ATEEQI REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT EGYPTIAN CHARGE QUOTE COULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS SPOILING FRIENDLY KUWAITI-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, UNQUOTE, AND THAT SABRI ARTICLE WAS QUOTE NOT FACTUAL UNQUOTE.

2. KUWAIT TIMES REPORTS EGYPTIANS HAD WANTED 12 BILLION DOLLAR FUND BUT MINISTERS AUTHORIZED INITIAL CAPITAL OF ONLY TWO BILLION DOLLARS. EGYPTIANS, ACCORDING TO KUWAIT TIMES, WANTED UP TO 500 MILLION DOLLARS BY END OF THE YEAR, WHILE GODE QUOTE UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT LIKELY TO MAKE ANY ADVANCES TO EGYPT BEFORE THE MIDDLE OF

NEXT YEAR UNQUOTE. TIMES ATTRIBUTES SABRI'S CRITICISM TO EGYPTIAN
FEELING THAT KUWAIT WAS BEHIND GODE DECISION TO STICK PRIMARILY
TO PROJECT FINANCING RATHER THAN BUDGET SUPPORT.
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